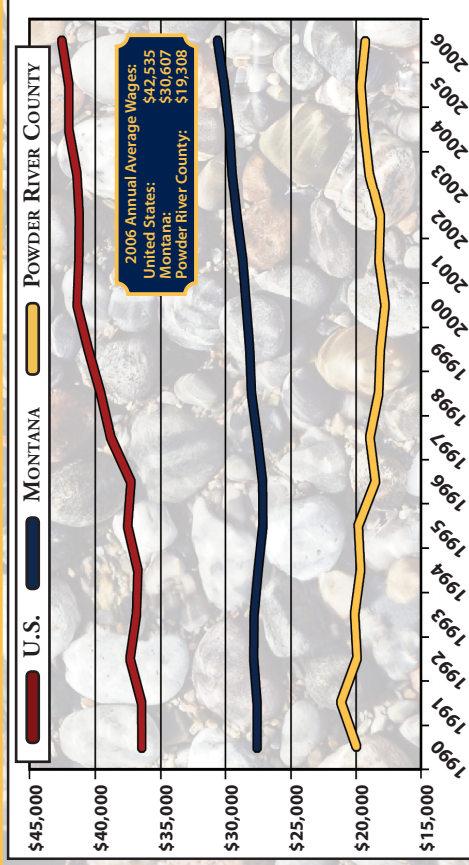


Annual Average Labor Force - Powder River County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	900	874	26	2.9%
2005	911	879	32	3.5%
2004	922	886	36	3.9%
2003	884	849	35	4.0%
2002	885	852	33	3.7%
2001	947	918	29	3.1%
2000	1,003	965	38	3.8%

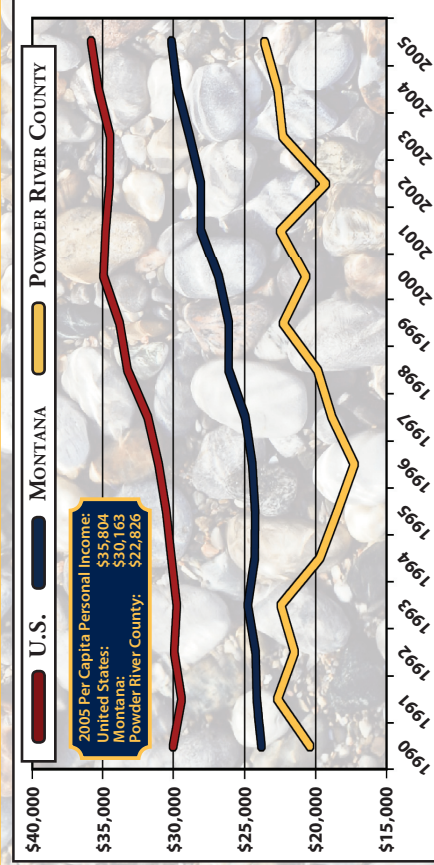
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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POWDER RIVER COUNTY

Powder River County is Montana's forty-ninth most populous county, with an estimated 1,756 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Broadus, the county seat, is the state's eighty-fifth largest city, with a population estimated at 458 in 2006.¹ Other cities and towns in Powder River County include Biddle, Olive, Otter, Powderville, and Sonnette.

Broadus, located near the junction of the Powder and Little Powder Rivers, is known for its cattle and oil industries. Its proximity to US Highway 212 contributes to the town's commercial and tourist business, including a variety of museums, such as the Powder River Historical Society Museum & Visitor's Center, the Powder River Taxidermy Wildlife Museum, and Mac's Museum, named for pioneer Mac McCurdy.²

Broadus also boasts Powder River Wagon Trains and Cattle Drives, Inc., which invites visitors to experience the region's past by trailing cattle through scenic southeastern Montana on horseback or covered wagons.²

The Broadus area in particular, as well as Powder River County in general, is known as a prime hunting area, especially for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and merriam turkey.³

¹U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*
²www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=1&city=broadus

³*Broadus, Montana: A Perspective of this Hunters' Paradise*, www.blairranch.com/broadus.htm

Resources for Powder River County

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Job Service Workforce Center

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Miles City, MT 59301
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Fax: (406) 232-6350
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Newspaper

Powder River Examiner
106 North Park
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MSU Extension Service
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Broadus, MT 59317
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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
INFORMATION	4	6	\$37,526
Publishing industries, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	3	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	3	19	\$29,949
Credit intermediation & related activity	1	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	2	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	1	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	5	17	\$16,014
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	1	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	2	*	*
Ambulatory health care services	1	*	*
Social assistance	1	*	*
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	10	19	\$9,102
Performing arts and spectator sports	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	9	*	*
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	7	46	\$8,289
Accommodation	1	*	*
Food services and drinking places	6	*	*
OTHER SERVICES	6	14	\$13,497
Repair and maintenance	2	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	4	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	17	208	\$23,005
Local Government	7	176	\$21,097
State Government	5	18	\$32,233
Federal Government	5	15	\$34,702

The QCIEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	92	458	\$19,301
TOTAL PRIVATE	75	250	\$16,213
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	3	*	*
MINING	2	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	12	15	\$16,769
Construction of buildings	3	7	\$12,169
Heavy and civil engineering construction	4	4	\$20,136
Specialty trade contractors	5	4	\$21,130
MANUFACTURING	2	*	*
Food manufacturing	1	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	2	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	1	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	1	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	9	64	\$14,717
Building material & garden supply stores	1	*	*
Food and beverage stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	1	*	*
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	1	*	*
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	1	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	2	*	*
Nonstore retailers	2	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	7	8	\$23,452
Truck transportation	3	3	\$17,999
Transit and ground passenger transport	3	3	\$4,959
Couriers and messengers	1	*	*

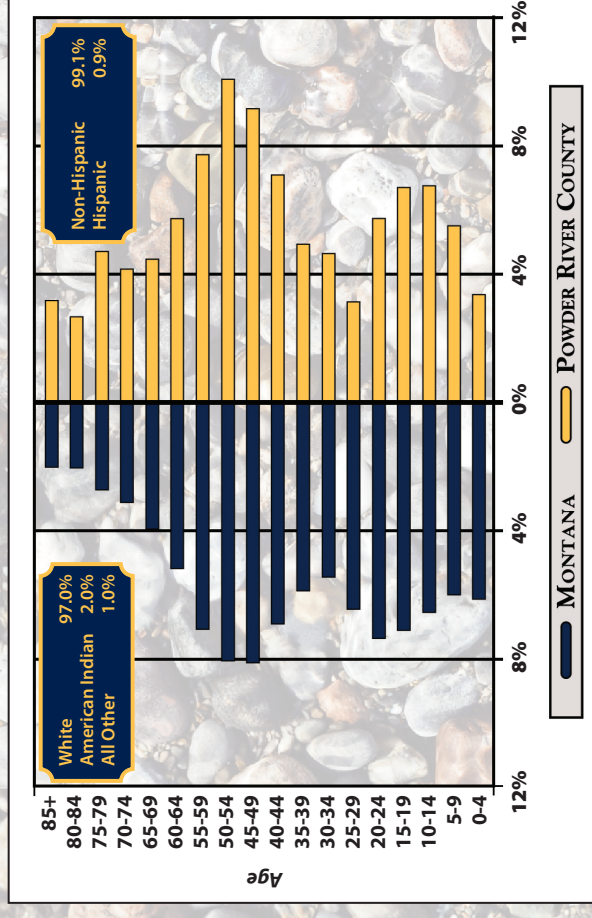
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
* Data Not Disclosable

Population for Powder River County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates							Census
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	April 1, 2000
Powder River County	-5.5%	1,756	1,714	1,766	1,830	1,827	1,815	1,858	1,858
Broadus town	1.6%	458	448	460	476	476	473	484	451
Balance of Powder River County	-7.7%	1,298	1,266	1,306	1,354	1,351	1,342	1,374	1,407

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Powder River County, 2006



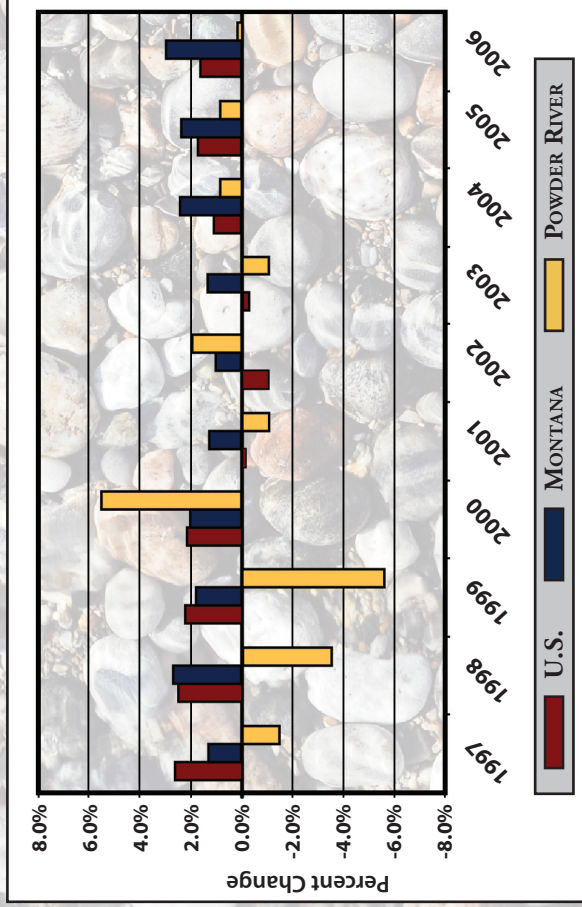
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Powder River County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	16.6%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	31.4%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	27.7%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	8.4%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	12.2%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	2.6%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.2%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.0%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Powder River County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top Five Private Employers in Powder River County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class
Alderman Oil Company	3
Five Star Roustabout Inc	3
Larry's IGA	4
Powder River Stockmans Club	3
Rocky Mountain Bank	3

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees, Class 2 = 5 to 9 employees, Class 1 = 1 to 4 employees.

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW). This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance, Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Powder River County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	301
Land in farms (acres)	1,521,618
Average size of farms (acres)	5,055
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	88
1,000 acres or more	213
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	201
\$100,000 or more	100
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	260
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	41

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	58,870
Hogs and pigs	0
Sheep and lambs	11,856
Horses and ponies	1,422
Bison	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	228
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	(D)
Wheat for grain, All	7,466
Winter wheat for grain	3,317
Durum wheat for grain	0
Spring wheat for grain	4,149
Barley for grain	2,054
Oats for grain	291
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, hayslage, grass silage	44,193

Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	235
Other	66
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	255
Not on farm operated	46
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	91
10 years or more	210
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	157
55 years and over	144
Average age of operators: (number)	55.7

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
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